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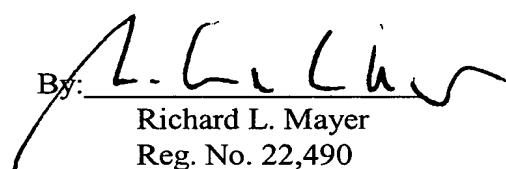
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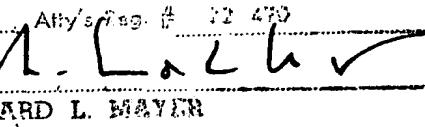
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This Amendment is in response to the Final Office Action mailed on
October 22, 2002. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration in view of the following:

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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend without prejudice claim 7 as follows.

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7. (Twice Amended) A device for activating an electromagnetic consumer having a movable element, the electromagnetic consumer including a solenoid valve for controlling a metering of fuel into an internal combustion engine, the device comprising:

a control unit to determine a duration of a time window such that a current flowing through the consumer during the time window does not exceed a threshold value and to determine a switching instant at which the movable element has reached a particular position within the time window.

REMARKS

Claims 1-7 are pending.

It is believed that this Amendment does not raise new issues that would require further consideration and/or search, and also does not raise the issue of new matter. It is also